AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please rewrite the last paragraph beginning at page 12, line 30, as follows:

The segmented flexible hollow strut members 28 and 30 are respectively held together by internal resilient cord members 64 and 65 which are connected between the terminal pins as at 48 and 50 in the case of strut 28. The terminal pins 48 and 50 contain cord connection openings (not shown), but which are similar to opening ~~61~~ 63 in the hub member 20 for attachment of the resilient cord.

Please rewrite the paragraph spanning pages 21 and 22 as follows:

Figures 27A-27M depict typical fittings for use with the systems, including but not limited to, hubs and hinged or rotating connecting devices and straight or in-line connecting devices useful for the assembly of many multiple unit system configurations. Figures 27A-27C depict hinged connectors typically capable of at least 240° of rotation and Figure 27E depicts a rotating connector with full (360°) rotation so that it may be used as a U-connector. Figure 27D depicts an end cap for insertion in the last mounting rod end in any sequence. In these figures, a press fit end hub is shown at 370 having an end 372 adapted to fit into one end of a top or bottom mounting rod (not shown) and which may be attached to another end hub at the

opposite end of the mounting rod by a resilient bungee cord device or the like in a manner as previously described. The opposite end of the end hubs 370 includes an enlarged knob 374 designed for snap fitting into sockets of similar shape as illustrated at 376 in the figures to be removably snap fit and held in place by shoulder 378. The ~~ports~~ end hubs 370 also typically include locking hub bores 380 designed to cooperate with the end hubs of X-brace cross members in a manner previously described with reference to Figures 16A and 16B.

Please rewrite the paragraph spanning pages 22 and 23 as follows:

Figures 27F and 27G illustrate one end tip or end hub/bungee arrangement. The end hub 400 includes a bore 402 adapted to receive one end of a bungee cord 404 shown in cut away in Figure 27G and which cooperates with opposed wedge slots 406 to wedge-trap and fix or trap the end of the cord 404 when the hub 400 is inserted in a tube member of appropriate size. ~~Figure 27H depicts a press fit end tip or hub 410, a recessed retainer band 412 and no provision for bungee connection.~~

Please rewrite the paragraph spanning pages 23 and 24 as follows:

Figure 27J depicts a flexible 3-way connector 470, including 3 connecting devices 472, 474 and 476 which may be male or female connectors and are illustrated as female connectors for use with

bungee cords as at 478, ~~including~~ but can include cordless recesses as previously shown 424. The connectors are connected to a central hub 480 and may connect to a vertical and two horizontal or coplaner members via cords or snap fitting to provide a support base. It will be recognized that both the displays and the display fittings that join them together are designed to the extent feasible to snap together and come apart as needed. This device can be used in conjunction with the hub of Figure 27K in the construction of the removable base support unit as discussed below in conjunction with Figure 31.

Please rewrite three paragraphs beginning at line 19 on pages 24 and 25 as follows:

An important aspect of the present invention is the provision of a light weight knock-down or collapsible display system of the class described, but which itself is capable of assuming a variety of sizes. In embodiments of this system, both the mounting rods and the cross or X-brace legs or rods can be constructed to be extended and collapsed to provide a variety of display system sizes by accommodating a variety of banner and mural sizes. Components of systems illustrating this concept are depicted in Figures 28A-28B, 29 and 30A-30E. Figures 28A and 28B show two different sizes of extendable X-brace rods 500 and 502, respectively, while Figure 29 depicts one size of mounting rod 504 in which the details are enlarged.

As seen in Figures 28A and 28B, each of the X-brace legs or rods includes a plurality of rod segments including a pair of telescoping segments 506 and 508 and end segment 510 and one or more intermediate segments 512. Note that the device of Figure 28B contains one additional segment ~~412~~ 512 to enable it to extend beyond the length of the rod in Figure 28A. The mounting rod of Figure 29 shows only a pair of telescoping rods 514 and 516. It will be appreciated that these also can be of varying lengths. The rods of Figures 28A and 28B further include pairs of end hubs 518 and internal bungee cord as at 520. The system of Figure 29 further includes press fit end hubs 370 as previously described including locking hub bores 380 which are designed to accommodate the hubs 518 in the X-brace devices in a locking manner as previously described. Hinged connectors are also shown at 520.

A locking mechanism for the telescoping tubes depicted generally by 522 in mounting tube ~~520~~ 504 is best shown in the enlarged views of Figures 29, Figure 30A, 30B and 30D. It includes a press fit hub section 524, 526 or 528, with hubs 526 and 528 showing different configurations at 530 and 532, respectively, to accommodate resilient bungee cord devices (not shown) in multiple-sectioned models.

Please rewrite the paragraph on page 26 beginning at line 18 as follows:

Telescoping X-braces or struts 578 are also provided and held in place at their intersection by a snap-together hub such as that previously described at 450 which also connects to a support base formed by telescoping members 580 and 582 via a telescoping strut member 584. The three members are preferably joined at 586 by a flexible 3-way connector as previously described with reference to Figure ~~27L~~ 27J at 470 and members 580 and 582 also snap fit connect to the hubs 564 via rotating connectors 588 which may be the same as or similar to those shown in Figures 27A-27C. The remaining or top end of the strut 584 connects into the snap-on hub 450 using a connector such as that shown at 472 in Figure ~~27M~~ 27J. Once assembled, the easel provides a rigid support structure for carrying fairly heavy work loads but is one which can also be readily disassembled as desired.

Please rewrite the paragraph spanning pages 26 and 27 as follows:

Figures 32A and 32B depict an A-frame-type system 600 with a mural or banner shown mounted over the A-frame in Figure 31B at 602. The system itself includes a quadrilateral base having parallel members 604 and 606 spaced by connected cross members 608 and 610. These are joined together by snap-fit hubs, previously described, which enable the assembly of a stable quadrilateral base structure. Central hubs 612 and 614 are

provided with one or more spaced bores 616 to accommodate the end hubs of X-brace cross members 618 and ~~620~~ 621 which may be telescoping in nature. The X-brace or strut members also connect, as previously described, to the end hubs 620 and 622 of a top mounting member 624 and the length thereof is adjusted to hold the mural or banner 602 taunt between the members 604, 606 and 624. The inner section of the cross braces or X-braces 618 and ~~620~~ 621 may be provided with either a strap or a snap-fit hub as previously described (not shown).